

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

March 24, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on March 17, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending March 23, 2011 in the amount of \$ 244,711.55 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of March 17 – March 23, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 3 – March 22, 2011
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from February 1 – February 28, 2011
- Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals from March 21, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$1,589,836.19 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Change Order to Project HOME-6-2009 at 5497 Peru Street (Gaito) in the total amount of \$3,365.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for Contract #2011-02 "Asbestos Consulting Services."

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract #2011-05 "Survey for Boynton Avenue" be awarded to Machabee Land Surveying and the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement for the total bid price of \$6065.00 to be funded from the 2010 Street Resurfacing Capital Project (H5110.30).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

D. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF KELLY SEXTON TO THE POSITION OF CITY HISTORIAN EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2011 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL CERTIFICATION THROUGH CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION AND COMPLETION OF A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Mayor Kasprzak said I am going to remove it pending a Civil Service review of the situation for us so we will not be voting on it this evening.

ACTION TAKEN: Withdrawn
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the “NY Tactical Training Conference and Expo” in Verona, NY from April 10 -14, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,753.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury funds).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Detective to attend the “Latent Print Processing-Level I Training” in Latham, NY from April 10 -15, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$796.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury funds).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to attend the “MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting” in East Syracuse, NY from April 26 - 28, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$415.00.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

- 1.** Request from Fire Chief Paul Williams that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Training Director Agreement with Dan Collins.
- 2.** Request Kevin Farrington, City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2011-04, "Boynton Avenue Improvements."
- 3.** Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010 in the total amount of \$6,270.05. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .29%.
- 4.** Request from the City Chamberlain to create capital project H3410.36 "2011 Public Service Building Improvements Project" to complete the work detailed in the Public Service Building section of the 2011 Capital Expenditure Budget.
- 5.** Request from the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.33 "2011 General Street Resurfacing Project" to complete the work detailed in the Street Resurfacing & Improvements section of the 2011 Capital Expenditure Budget.
- 6.** Request Kevin Farrington, City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2011-06, "Construction of Eco Dock at Dock Street Landing" and Contract #2011-07 "Construction of Eco Dock at Wilcox Dock (Park)."

Councilor Jackson said Kevin, Wilcox Dock Park is that actually down at Wilcox Dock?

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said yeah it's what the Department of State calls it.

Councilor Jackson said but is it at the dock itself. I thought the Eco Docks were going in over by the Water Pollution Control Plant and in the cove over there.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said yeah they are going in the cove and also Wilcox Dock is the two locations.

Councilor Jackson said so it's not going to be by the new boat launch by the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Mayor Kasprzak said no.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said no, I mean the new boat launch comes complete with about 200 feet of docks.

Councilor Jackson said ok that is what I'm thinking of so we are going to have 3 different areas to dock at.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said these are really essentially only for the non-motorized; canoes, kayak's and stuff.

Mayor Kasprzak said we will have 2 locations for those and then our boat launch and actually the other space next to former Clare and Carl's.

Councilor Carpenter said these docks go along with that canoe human powered water way right it hooks up with that.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said yes.

Councilor Rabideau said we are having our MLD meeting after, right?

Mayor Kasprzak and **Councilor Jackson** said yes.

7. Request from Assessor Derek Rosenbaum to attend the "Fundamentals of Assessment Administration" in Raybrook, NY from April 18 - 25, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$240.
8. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for a Police Officer to attend the "2011 Spring Training Conference for the Law Enforcement Training Directors Association" in Lake Placid, NY from May 18 -20, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$325.38 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Travel/Training Expense).
9. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for a Detective to attend the "2011 New York State Police Sex Offense Seminar" in Albany, NY from May 23 -27, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,133.24 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Travel/Training Expense).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson said we have an MLD Board meeting tonight.

Councilor Carpenter said I got a call today from 2 different people. I don't even think they're related, live up on my end, they wanted me to pass along thanks to your boys (to **Mike Brodi, DPW Superintendent**) for fixing the pot holes on South Catherine Street so quickly they expected it would be till spring time and they were amazed. So I said that I would pass that along.

Mayor Kasprzak said we actually cleaned that whole area other than just filling the pot holes.

Councilor Jackson said and just so people know Item 5 under initial consideration, we have in our packets, but if I'm not mistaken the design of South Catherine Street is \$400,000 worth of that Street Resurfacing Capital Project we are going to be approving next week.

Mayor Kasprzak said Kevin has had that as a priority years ago and we did get the design support and I was actually talking to somebody about that with the hopes that we would get a good announcement soon but we can't force the big piece of funding to come but I think that Kevin's convinced me over the years when you get the design phase money that's a very good sign so hopefully something will but you can't promise folks that because it doesn't always work that way but that's good.

Councilor Jackson said but we can get a design and as soon as the money is released we can get that done.

Mayor Kasprzak said that's been a priority around the table said we have been fighting and working hard at that since we have all been here. Kevin started that way before we all got here.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:41 pm